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Date of Interview: 1/18/07

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 39, 42

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____

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Applicant's representative argued that the claimed "Round Robin" order, which is predetermined such that a subscriber has a greater chance of being contacted, was not taught by the applied prior art. Example in the specification [0088] was also discussed. Examiners agreed to re-open prosecution and to withdraw/vacate the final Action (mailed 9/22/06). A new office action will be forthcoming.

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